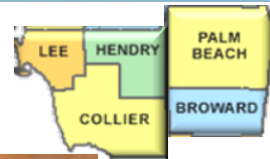


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## President's Message by BOB KILLEN

Another year gone by. I hope everyone had a joyous holiday and are ready for 2014. The new Board hopes to meet soon and prepare the Region for the year, and would like to hear for anyone, everyone with any input they may have to make the region better.

We like to hear about ideas for the region. Social events, Fund-raisers, Programs and of course anxiously await for those that would like to participate on committees. Talents and/or expertise in the following areas are most welcomed: Computers, Vendor sponsors and solicitation for advertisements, Geeks in the format of Facebook and/or Twitter; Newsletter articles, Contacts for discounts (car rental, hotels etc).

If you travel to another Country we would like to hear about it with an article and some photos.

The Region gets many visitors and the following visited Region 11 during the year of 2013:

|                  |    |           |   |                       |    |         |   |
|------------------|----|-----------|---|-----------------------|----|---------|---|
| Germany          | 18 | Sweden    | 2 | Brazil                | 29 | Spain   | 2 |
| Russia           | 2  | France    | 2 | Georgia (The Country) | 2  | Denmark | 2 |
| Northern Ireland | 3  | Australia | 4 | UK-England            | 2  |         |   |

Our Region Host Coordinator is Dirk Lowry (3rd VP). For those Region 11 members desiring to travel overseas should contact the Associate Secretary for the Country they desire to visit for assistance and listed on the National Website under the link "Associate Secretary." You can also contact me to the Region Secretary for additional assistance.

I would like to thank all those in attendance for the Region 11 Picnic on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and thanks to Bob Hurley, who once again did a great job as Santa Claus. Paul Goldstein did a great job as the Region Chef, keeping everyone happy with his cooking touch. Both Paul and Sam Goldstein arrived early that day (9 am) to be sure that we were guaranteed the pavilion, because the Deerfield Beach Commission would not give us a permit for it as they have done all the past years. So it was first come gets it.

The Region is still seeking anyone interested in being the Chaplain for the Region. You can contact me if interested and what the position entails.

There will be a Bar B Que at the KILLEN residence for 2 visiting German Police Officers. Kindly set your calendar to meet them (Frankfurt). Saturday, January 18, 2014 2:00 PM - ???

**Please RSVP to me (954) 650-3451 or [b47irishnd@aol.com](mailto:b47irishnd@aol.com)**

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**JOSEPH SQUICCIARINI**

Joe was presented with a certificate valued at \$500 to be spent at GunTech, Inc. in Fort Lauderdale.

We will have another gun raffle in 2015 unless feedback is received to have one in 2014.

It's up to our membership to decide!

**A FEW GOOD REASONS TO JOIN THE IPA**

<http://www.ipa-usa.org/?page=Movie>

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**The opportunity to say that I have "family" and friends in the United Kingdom, Australia, Germany, South Africa, Russia, and all over the world.**

**The ability to meet like-minded people in a spirit of friendship and enjoyment.**

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**Remember: Membership Buys You The World**

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## Crazy ants threaten U.S. ecosystem, economy



Although tiny, Rasberry crazy ants swarm in the billions and are creating massive problems in southeast Texas. Crazy ants are drawn to electrical appliances and short them out with their sheer numbers. When they are electrocuted, they emit a smell that attracts millions of other ants. If you haven't heard of Rasberry crazy ants yet, you will. They're coming to a backyard near you. **By the trillions.** A single trail of the invasive South American ants first turned up near Houston, TX, in 2002. Within a year, there were hundreds of millions of them on the same site. The invaders from South America have spread to 24 Texas counties, and there are more than 1,000 infestations in Harris County, where they vastly outnumber the 4.1 million people who live there. They have been confirmed in Mississippi, Louisiana and Florida and have almost certainly gained a foothold in neighboring Gulf Coast states. They are called "crazy" because of their quick, random movements. They reproduce in mind-boggling numbers, drive off or kill insects and animals on land they occupy. They can also short out appliances, drive homeowners to distraction and even shut down a chemical plant by fouling computer equipment. "If you go to a rural area they've taken over, it's silent. What you hear is nothing, no grasshoppers, no birds, nothing but the wind going through the leaves," said Tom Rasberry the Pearland Texas exterminator who discovered that first colony in 2002. It earned him the dubious honor of having the pests named for him. They are also known as the tawny crazy ant because of their light-brown coloration. For humans, home infestation creates a miserable situation. Grandma can't watch TV without ants crawling on her legs, as Rasberry put it. Whole neighborhoods in Houston have been overtaken, he said. "I've been into homes where you couldn't drop a dime on the floor without hitting three or four ants," he said. "I've seen 55-gallon drums full of them, nothing but dead ants. I've seen 18-inch-wide trails going up trees after honey bees."

### **Highly adaptable; hard to kill**

There are other similar species in North America, but the tawny crazy ant is the one that gives experts nightmares. They are tiny – less than 1/8 of an inch long. They don't sting, but that's as good as the news gets. You don't exterminate the invaders so much as contain them, Rasberry said. Treatment is expensive and requires repeated applications that can cost thousands of dollars a year, far too expensive for many who have been affected. Every single home in a neighborhood has to be treated, or the ants will be back in a matter of days, Rasberry said. **They are tropical insects**, so they die off in the winter. But when spring comes, they repopulate quickly, doubling or tripling their numbers every two weeks, he said. They've been discovered in North Texas, where the winters can be quite cold. Rasberry said he's seeing more and more instances of the ants migrating indoors where it's warm when the weather turns cold, an adaptation he seldom saw a few years ago. Commercially available pesticides - sprays and powders you buy at retail stores - don't work well. Crazy ants don't eat the baited poisons that can control fire ants, another Deep South nemesis the crazy ants are steadily killing off. It costs a few billion dollars a year to control fire ants, and that's a drop in the bucket compared to what it could cost to contain the new ants. Rasberry said in dollars and cents terms, if research isn't stepped up and if the spread continues, controlling crazy ants "is going to make fire ants look like Christmas." "I've been screaming about this for 10 years but the right people aren't listening," he said. He foresees a related crisis that could be as bad as the ant infestation.

**IS THIS MAKING YOU ITCH YET?!? NOTE: FLORIDA HAS A TROPICAL CLIMATE. I HOPE THEY STAY AWAY.**

# Region 11 November 2013 Meeting



Newly elected President, Bob Killen, presents Sam Goldstein with a plaque honoring him for his service as Region 11's past President.



President Bob Killen presents Dave Lewis with a plaque honoring him for his service as Region 11's past 2nd Vice President.



President Robert Killen presents Bob Hurley with a plaque honoring him for his service as Region 11's past Secretary.



Bru's Room Server, Alysha Pitterson, is Given The Task Of Choosing The Gun Raffle Winner.



WINNER OF 2013 GUN RAFFLE  
JOSEPH SQUICCIARINI



Bru's Room Server, Alysha Pitterson, is presented with a Certificate of Appreciation



Region 11's newly elected Secretary Carlton Coleman

# DECEMBER 2013 REGION 11 HOLIDAY PICNIC

MANY OF THE BIG KIDS LINED UP FOR A CHANCE AT SITTING ON SANTA'S LAP. PRESIDENT KILLEN MADE IT THERE FIRST.



IPA Life Member, Paul Goldstein, was our Master Chef at the picnic. He is also our Sergeant-at-Arms at our meetings. THANK YOU PAUL FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO FOR REGION 11 !!



Mrs. William Goldstein and their son, Ari

Santa Claus (WHO ARRIVED DISGUISED AS REGION 11 MEMBER BOB HURLEY) was a big hit with the kids at the park. ALL the kids in the park !



## WHERE ARE MY GLASSES?

Yesterday my daughter e-mailed me again asking why I didn't do something useful with my time... Like sitting around the pool and drinking wine is not a good thing.

Talking about my "doing something useful" seems to be her favorite topic of conversation. She was "only thinking of me" and suggested I go down to the senior center and hang out with the guys. I did this and when I got home last night I decided to teach her a lesson about staying out of my business. I e-mailed her and told her that I had joined a parachute club. She replied, "Are you nuts? You are 73 years old, and now you're going to start jumping out of airplanes?" I told her that I even got a membership card and e-mailed a copy to her. She immediately telephoned me, "Good grief, where are your glasses! This is a membership to a Prostitute Club, not a Parachute Club." "Oh man, I'm in trouble again; I really don't know what to do... I signed up for five jumps a week." The line went quiet and her friend picked up the phone and said that she had fainted. Life as a senior citizen is not getting any easier but sometimes it can be fun.

**Funny Song Showing Our Age... "On the Green Side of the Grass"**  
<https://www.youtube-nocookie.com/embed/6dbBfXCMbH4?rel=0>

Sitting on the highway waiting to catch speeders, a state police officer saw a car puttering along at 22 M.P.H. He thinks to himself, that car is just as dangerous as a speeder. So, he turns his lights on and pulls the car over. Approaching the car, he notices there are 5 old ladies, two at the front and 3 at the back, wide eyed and looking like ghosts. The driver obviously confused said, "Officer, I don't understand, I wasn't doing over the speed limit!. What seems to be the problem?" "Ma'am," the officer said, "you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be dangerous". "Slower than the speed limit? NO SIR! I was doing exactly 22 miles an hour", the old woman said proudly. The officer containing a chuckle explains that 22 was the route number, not the speed limit. A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned, thanking the officer for pointing out her error. "Before I go Ma'am, I have to ask, is everyone OK? These women seem badly shaken and haven't uttered a word all this time"

"Oh! they will be alright in a minute, Officer. We just got off Route 142."

A guy took his blonde girlfriend to her first football game. They had great seats right behind their team's bench. After the game, he asked her how she liked it. "Oh, I really liked it," she replied, "especially the tight pants and all the big muscles, but I just couldn't understand why they were killing each other over 25 cents." Dumbfounded, her boyfriend asked, "What do you mean?" "Well, they flipped a coin, one team got it and then for the rest of the game, all they kept screaming was... 'Get the quarterback! Get the quarterback!' I'm like...Helloooooo? it's only 25 cents!!!!"



"HE'S ABOUT 5' 3", WEARING A RED JACKET, SMELLS OF BEER, AND HE SHOT A GUN AT ME"

## Secrets to a long happy marriage



A old woman was sipping on a glass of wine, while sitting on the patio with her husband, and she says, "I love you so much, I don't know how I could ever live without you"... Her husband asks, "Is that you, or the wine talking?"... She replies, "It's me... talking to the wine."



## Spaulding's Rules of Conflict

### Rules applicable to combat-and other situations

Operational rules are a sound practice and, over the years, I have created some I use in my classes. Recently, a student said, "You should write those down and give them out to students." As I sat down to create the list I thought, "Maybe others would like to read them." Well, here they are. As a side note, while I was trying to come up with a "tactical" title, I considered "Spaulding's Rules of Conflict," but then realized that they can be applied to many situations—not just combat. I don't claim to be their originator, but I have used them regularly with great success, as have my family and students.

#### **No. 1: You Must Be an Active Participant in Your Own Rescue**

People who think the cavalry is going to come over the hill and save them at the last minute have spent too much time in front of the TV. Any street cop will tell you that the times when they have interrupted a crime in progress were memorable because that doesn't happen often. Police response times are measured in minutes, while crimes in progress are measured in seconds. So unless the officer is on top of the event when it occurs, stopping a crime while it happens is highly unlikely. I recently watched a video of two drug cartel members who surrendered to their captors with the promise they wouldn't be hurt. After a three-minute confession of their crimes, their captors rewarded their cooperation by cutting one in half with a chain saw and decapitating the other. The point: Don't trust what you're told to ensure cooperation—it's probably a lie. In life, if you're unemployed, don't rely on anyone else to find you a job. If you aren't happy with your current situation, change it. If you're in a bad relationship, break up and move on. No one can affect your life more than you—don't rely on others to do it for you.

#### **No. 2: Never Give Up a Known for an Unknown**

Have you ever been on a road trip and driven a route successfully, but on the return trip decided to take a different route because it looked shorter on the map? How did that work out? The map-or the GPS-isn't the actual territory, so there's no way to know the road conditions. If you know a particular route works, why follow the unknown to save a few minutes? When teaching combative pistol-craft, I regularly see students eject a magazine before they have secured their spare in order to act faster. But what happens if during combat, the spare magazine is lost and the combatant doesn't know this? In competition, the shooter will lose the match. In a fight, the shooter may lose life. Big difference. The normal response when I bring this to the student's attention is, "The magazine will likely be empty so what difference does it make?" First, why has it become common practice to just assume you'll shoot to slide lock in a fight? I know it can happen because it's almost impossible to count rounds in conflict, but why make it habit during training? I like to teach my students to load when they want to, not when they have to, and slide lock is a bad time to reload. Gun-fighting is a thinking-man's game so reloading when it's advantageous to you and not your opponent is a good example of using your brain. Additionally, what if you access some ammo-maybe a few rounds in your pocket—with no magazine? They might as well be rocks.

#### **No. 3: If You Don't Know, Don't Go**

I realize there may be times in combat when you'll have to go for it if you have no other options. That said, it's a sound practice to know what lies ahead before taking action. For example, movement just for the sake of movement isn't good. Moving makes it more difficult to hit accurately, so make sure you have a reason. But moving makes it harder to hit you, you say? That depends on how fast you're moving. Most shooters shoot while moving slowly. When moving from one position to another, you should know if the new position offers better cover or if it offers cover at all! Those being shot at don't decide what is and isn't cover—that's determined by what combatants are using to shoot at you. What's cover from a .38 may not be from a 7.62, so know before you go. Never enter a place you don't know how to escape. If a business or residence comes under fire, it's good to remove yourself from the threat. It's also good to know if the structure is on fire, which is far more likely than gun play. Whenever I walk into an establishment I'm

unfamiliar with, I take a few seconds to look for exits, windows, doors, possible cover or other avenues of escape. I also sweep over the other people on scene to see if anyone doesn't look right, like maybe someone I once arrested.

#### **No. 4: When in Doubt—There Is No Doubt**

Although street experience helps hone the danger sense, I believe everyone has a "sixth sense" that tells them when something isn't right. If you get an "I-should-leave" feeling, then leave! Too many people tell themselves they're imagining a threat. While possible, what's the harm in leaving? Never doubt yourself! Of all the people in the world to trust, you should be first on your list. Years ago, I was teaching a female-only, self-defense class when one of the students cornered me at a break. She told me she had worked late in a high-rise office building, waiting on an elevator. When the doors opened, a man was on the elevator. She said, "He looked like a biker with long greasy hair and a beard. He was smelly and unkempt. Everything in my being told me not to get on the elevator, but I just thought I was being paranoid. I got on and, right after it started to move, he attacked. I had no idea what to do so I just went to another place in my brain. The only thing that stopped the attack was that the elevator stopped for another rider and my attacker fled." This young lady certainly wasn't an active participant in her own rescue and was saved by mere dumb luck. She was in the class because she said, "This was never going to happen again!" Good for her!

#### **No. 5: Simple Is Good**

I admit to being confused by some of the current firearms training doctrines. Some of it is flashy and cool looking, but does it prepare you for armed conflict? I know it makes students feel like a special operator for the weekend, but do they shoot better? Recently I was discussing malfunction clearances with a famous instructor, and I made the statement that I teach two methods: one to clear double feeds and another for everything else. This instructor said I was dumbing-down my training and not providing a service. I couldn't help but wonder if this instructor had ever seen conflict. Simple is easier for me to teach and easier for the student to learn. It's easier to develop skills during short training periods, and it's easier to maintain with diminishing ammo supplies and limited practice time. Simple is easy, and easy is the way to fight. If a given technique is hard or confusing to perform on the range, do you think it will be easier during a fight? It's not "dumbing-down" training, it's "raising performance" of an officer during a pandemonium - filled combat.

#### **No. 6: Want & Need Aren't Synonymous**

A student contacted me and asked for a recommendation on a new gas piston AR-15. When I asked him what the new gun could do that his old one couldn't, he paused. "Well, gas pistons are supposed to be superior. They better withstand the dust and dirt common in Afghanistan." "Are you going to Afghanistan?" I asked. "No," he replied. "Well then ...why do you care?" He decided to save money and keep his current gun. If a particular piece of gear doesn't enhance your performance or enable your skill set(s), then the emotion you're feeling for a new piece of kit is probably want, not need. Don't misunderstand—want is fine and there are things I want, but at this stage of my life, there are few things I need. I can't help but chuckle at folks who have to have the new gun on the cover of a gun magazine (although it could be cars, tools, appliances, etc.) even though it won't enhance their skills. In every class I teach, there's a student who will be frustrated with their skills and will change guns mid-class. Sometimes they improve, but it's usually because they now feel better because they have taken action to improve their situation. Try practice—it works great!

(Dave Spaulding was the 2010 Law Officer Trainer of the Year. He's a 28-year law enforcement veteran who retired at the rank of lieutenant, and then went to work for a federal security contractor. Dave currently runs his own training company that focuses on the combative application of the handgun. His website, [www.HandgunCombatives.com](http://www.HandgunCombatives.com), contains information on his courses).

# EVERYONE...BE AWARE OF THIS !!

## 'KNOCKOUT GAME'

### TEENS ATTACK INNOCENT PEOPLE JUST FOR FUN

by Jeff Rossen and Avni Patel, Today NBC

Pennsylvania schoolteacher Jim Addlespurger was walking home, minding his own business, when a group of teenagers knocked him out in broad daylight with no warning at all. He dropped face-down to the curb. It's called the "knockout game": teenagers knocking people out for the fun of it. They even target women and children. Cases are piling up, and police are on high alert. "I was hit with one punch that knocked me to the cold concrete," said Addlespurger, who has since recovered from the attack, which was caught on video. "It's a horrific thing to see, and I'm fortunate that I'm alive here to tell you about it." Police fear the knockout game has been spreading, with cases from San Diego to St. Louis and Chicago.

**In Syracuse, N.Y., two men were killed in a possible knockout case.** In New York City, police are investigating at least seven attacks. One knockout game video shows a woman walking down the street when a stranger runs up and clocks her from behind - a sucker punch so brutal, the victim lies on the sidewalk, unable to move. In New Jersey, it appears suspects filmed their own attack, laughing and bragging about it. "It appears these are just random acts of violence," said former FBI profiler Clint Van Zandt. "There's no robbery, there's no rhyme or reason; it's just simply youths making a decision they're going to punch somebody out - sometimes as simple as \$5 bet between themselves." Seventeen-year-old Marvel Weaver admits he played a version of the knockout game using a stun gun. He was caught and is now in jail. "It was a lesson learned," Weaver told TODAY. "Someone throws it out there: 'Want to play this?' And people go along with it and one thing leads to another, and it just goes all downhill." "These kids are acting, maybe not thinking and not knowing the consequence of what could happen," said knockout game victim Jim Addlespurger.

In New York City, a man arrested for playing the knockout game has been charged with a hate crime. Police believe the victim was targeted because he's Jewish. Now, as these videos end up on YouTube, officials are worried about copycat attacks in cities nationwide.



#### Visitors from the United Kingdom



Ed  
Watson

John &  
Pauline  
Osborne

Al  
Sarro

I had the pleasure of hosting John & Paulene Osborne (both IPA members) from Sutton, Oxford, England for ten days in November 2013. Both John & Paulene's fathers are also IPA and also retired from The London Metropolitan PD. We have known each other for about 20 years & have hosted each other over the years. I had not seen them (except on SKYPE) since we all took a 10 day cruise out of FLL in 2002. John & Paulene were also here back in the 90's when they bought an RV and toured the U.S. for SEVERAL months. Before they could start their travels & register the RV they had to study for & take the test for their Florida DL's because no insurance company would write them a policy until they had same. Their International DL's were not good enough! As luck would have it, they had to return home before I could show them off at our last meeting held on 20 Nov 2013. Servo Per Amikeco

**From IPA Region 11 Life Member: Ed Watson.**

In November 2013 we had a visitor from the London Metropolitan Police, Julia Rusovic and Vilma. Region 11 member Tom Sanchez met Julia at an IPA gathering during his trip to London. Julia was able to experience Hollywood PD's firearm simulator, tour the police station and ride with several units.



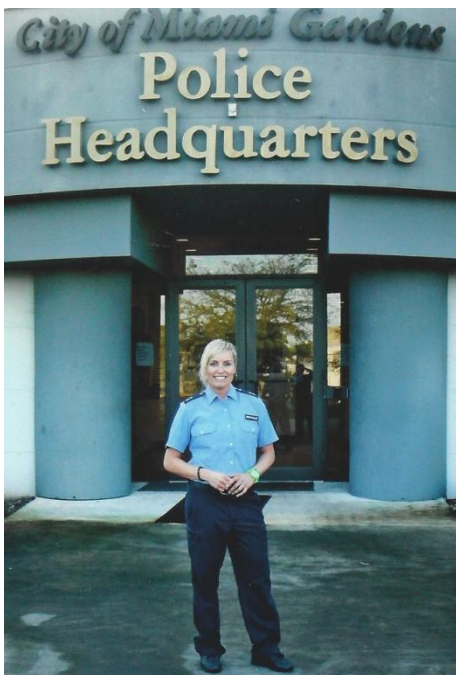
Julia and Vilma from United Kingdom



Bob Killen with IPA Denmark visitors Pelo and Rasmus who visited our November meeting.



Region 11 President Bob Killen with IPA Sweden visitor Niklas Jansson at November meeting.



IPA member, Judith Bertholdt, who hails from Frankfurt, Germany is a police trainer who spent almost a full month training with police in the United States. (see article on next page)

## INTERNSHIPS - by Bob Killen

Internships are a very good way police agencies can cement good relationships with other police agencies from other countries. The concept of a foreign police department sending police officers to the United States to experience police work here, as well as police officers from the U.S. going to foreign countries to learn their way of conducting law enforcement is an excellent way to bond together and make friends for a lifetime. Region 11 supports this Internship process and has been doing it since 2009. Since 2009, Region 11 has hosted and coordinated 12 different Internships, in which Bob Killen organized and coordinated through his department, along with other local departments.



The program depends on the length of the Internships, which have been from one week to four weeks, and with the four-week program being the most Internships.

The program includes lodging and social meets with other IPA members. The lodging is usually at the Killen household. Areas covered are road patrol, marine patrol, canine, various investigation sections, medical examiners office, jail visits, air patrol, etc.

Region 11 Internships are for south Florida and Interns have come from Poland, Belgium and Estonia, but the majority have come from Germany.

Bob Killen uses his department, the Miami Gardens Police, as the main focus department. Many of the interns have even returned for social visits and again, usually using the Killen residence as lodging.

During 2013, Region 11 hosted four different Internships, all of them from Germany.

- 1) Judith Bertholdt, a police trainer from Frankfurt, Germany area in January 15<sup>th</sup> through February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Judith is returning in January (8), 2014 for her third social visit and staying at the Killen residence for lodging. This third visit after her Internship is, as she says, "Great weather and Great Friends". Judith even did an article in her local IPA magazine (in German) on her Internships.
- 2) February 18<sup>th</sup> thru March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 came the arrival of four Germans from Leipzig, Germany for an extensive four week Internship and staying at the Killen household for lodging. They were: Steve Gruhl, Rene Richter, Julian Verdang and Patrick Filderbrandt.
- 3) On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 two additional Germans from the same area of Leipzig arrived for one week Internship and also used the Killen hotel for lodging. They were: Jessica Gutmann and Franz Franzista Kruse.
- 4) Sandra Harder arrived on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 for a week Internship and also stayed at the Killen residence for lodging. She also returned this past October 2013 for a two week social visit, staying one week at the Killen residence and another with a Region 11 family.

**2014 appears to be another busy year for interns with four planning a four-week Internship in February/March and they are, again, from Germany.**

## End of the Line for the Lead Bullet? By [Perry Chiaramonte](#) (Published December 18, 2013)

**When the last bullet-producing lead smelter closes its doors on Dec. 31**, it will mark a major victory for those who say lead-based ammunition pollutes the environment, but others warn 'green' bullets will cost more, drive up copper prices and do little to help conservation. The bid to ban lead bullets, seen by some as harmful to the environment, started slowly more than a decade ago. But with two dozen states, including California, banning bullets made of the soft, heavy metal, the lead bullet's epitaph was already being written when the federal government finished it off. First, the military announced plans to phase out lead bullets by 2018. "Whatever the EPA's motivation when creating the new lead air quality standard, increasingly restrictive regulation of lead is likely to affect the production and cost of traditional ammunition." - (*National Rifle Association*). When the federal Environmental Protection Agency, citing emissions, ordered the shutdown of the Doe Run company's lead smelter in Herculaneum, Mo., by year's end. Whether by state or federal regulation, or by market forces, lead bullets will be all but phased out within a few years in favor of so-called green bullets, experts say. While many believe that this will help the environment by keeping lead from contaminating groundwater, others say switching to copper-based bullets will cost hunters and sportsmen more and have little effect on the environment. "Whatever the EPA's motivation when creating the new lead air quality standard, increasingly restrictive regulation of lead is likely to affect the production and cost of traditional ammunition," the National Rifle Association said in a statement. Critics of lead bullets say that in addition to lead finding its way into the water supply and food chain, people who handle ammunition have been found to have elevated levels of lead in their blood. Lead poisoning harms organs and tissues and can result in brain damage. "Switching to nontoxic lead ammunition will save the lives of eagles, condors and thousands of other birds every year – and, importantly, will keep hunters and their families from being exposed to toxic lead," the Center for Biological Diversity said in a statement after California Gov. Jerry Brown signed into law a phase-out of lead bullets for hunting by July 2019. The Army has been researching a more environment-friendly bullet at the Picatinny Arsenal, in New Jersey, since 2010. A lead-free version of the 7.62-mm rounds fired from M-14 rifles will be issued to troops in 2014. That will follow a prior switch to a greener 5.56 mm "Enhanced Performance Round" the Army switched to in 2010. "The EPR replaces the lead slug with a copper slug," Lt. Col. Phil Clark, product manager for small-caliber ammunition at Picatinny, told the Daily Caller. "This makes the projectile environmentally friendly, while still giving soldiers the performance capabilities they need on the battlefield." The army has projected that use of green bullets for small-round ammunition could eliminate the purchase of nearly 4,000 metric tons of lead between now and 2018. Jim Yardley a retired financial controller and blogger for [americanthinker.com](#), estimated it would cost \$18,431,000 to replace the lead with copper. "Nearly \$20 million, not to improve the effectiveness of the ammunition used by our troops, but to protect the environment," Yardley wrote. In 2010, Doe Run settled with the EPA and state regulators for \$65 million and a pledge to close the 120-year-old smelter by year's end. Doe Run General Manager Gary Hughes said the company tried to bring its smelter into compliance so it could continue to produce lead products, but abandoned plans in 2012 due to federal regulations. "We hoped to be building another such plant by now; however, constructing a full-scale plant, given other regulatory compliance spending requirements, puts our company at financial risk," he said. It is unclear if another company will open a new lead smelter in the U.S. that can meet the more stringent air quality standards. But with the biggest buyer of ammo switching to copper-core, "green" bullets, and the number of state bans on lead bullets growing, ammunition makers are adapting. One such company is Florida-based Liberty Ammunition, which has ramped up production of green bullets by adding a second production shift. "Copper is not cheap," said Matthew Phillips, Liberty's vice president of sales and marketing. "Luckily, we've managed to find a way to keep the cost down." Copper bullets have a similar price-point to high-end lead bullets, but can be as much as twice the cost of lower-end lead bullets, say experts. And diverting copper for bullet manufacturing could have other unintended economic consequences, critics warn. "This will inevitably increase the cost of electronic devices that use copper," wrote Yardley. "It will add to the cost of a wiring a new home, having an adverse impact on the housing industry." "The Treasury Department already wants to discontinue the penny due to the cost of producing it. A rising cost of copper will only add impetus to that, and might encourage them to repeat the response to a copper shortage during WWII, and produce pennies from steel."

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